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APPLICANT : **WEBER, Gerhard P.**  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

**Introductory Comments**

Claims 1-40 are pending in the present application.

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